

Santa Rosa County  
Emergency Medical System (EMS) Task Force Meeting  
October 19, 2000

Chief John Reble, Chairman called meeting to order at 9:00 AM in Santa Rosa County Media Center.

Members Present

Chief John E. Reble  
Mr. Bobby Busby  
Chief William Markopoulous  
Chief Bob Minshull  
Mr. Dominic Persichini

Members Absent:

Dr. Wes Mathews  
Chief Tony Simmons  
Chief David Burnett  
Mr. Bob Murphy

Staff Present

Sheryl Bracewell

Agenda approved as submitted (see attached).

The minutes of October 5, 2000 were approved as submitted.

Chief Reble presented the August 2000 reports and statics with corrected figures, and percentages. There was general discussion on the corrected figures and percentages.

There was discussion regarding the monthly reports of Fire Departments and EMS response times.

Mr. Persichini asked about the responsibility for maintenance of the new AED's. There was discussion on responsibility and training for AED's and who would pay for maintenance.

Mr. Persichini asked if some type of report on AED's and their had been discussed at the Firefighters' Association meeting. Chief Reble stated they left the meeting with no clear answer about maintenance of AED's. It seemed that Fire Departments that received AED's would be responsible for their maintenance. The County most likely would not, as they gave the AED's to the Firefighters' Association to distribute.

Mrs. Bracewell said there could be a meeting every 6 months concerning the AED's. She called to get a price on individual maintenance on the AED's.

Mrs. Bracewell said Avalon VFD pays \$600.00 per year for maintenance on AED's.

Mr. Persichini said the maintenance was important because of the responsibility when the AEDS were used on a patient and they would not work.

Chief Reble stated that could be quite burden on the Fire Department to pay for maintenance on AED's.

Mrs. Bracewell stated that it may be possible to use the EMS Grant for this.

Mrs. Bracewell handed out a copy of a report of which fire departments received AED's.

Mrs. Bracewell ask if the committee would like for her to provide them with a report of how many cardiac calls were ran.

Mrs. Bracewell stated she received E-Mail from Richard Collins, a citizen, who stated that the minutes of the EMS Task Force should be more thorough and detailed.

Chief Reble asked the Task Force as a whole if the minutes were sufficiently clear. The response of the committee was that the minutes were recorded and done in a very effective manner. Chief Reble then stated that if the minutes did not provide sufficient information for any citizen, they could request a copy of the tape and materials of the meetings. There may be a fee for reproduction of such records.

Chief Reble stated that the minutes of the Task Force are public record and if any citizen could not attend the Task Force meetings and the minutes do not provide sufficient detail, they could request a copy of tapes and materials of the meetings.

Chief Reble ask Mrs. Bracewell to check with the Clerk of Court or County Attorney on how to best handle such requests and fees.

Mr. Persichini made a motion for the committee to adopt a policy that for anyone to receive copies of tapes or materials from the EMS Task Force meetings, they would have to submit an official request in writing. Motion carried unanimous.

Chief Reble asked Mrs. Bracewell to respond by E-mail to Mr. Collins' request and inform him of procedures to request tapes and materials from the EMS Task Force.

The committee discussed the letter to the editor from Mr. and Mrs. Martin published in the Pensacola News Journal, Friday October 13, 2000.

Chief Reble stated he had asked Dr. Manus and Dr. Mathews to explain the procedures of receiving patients at the medical facilities. Being they were not present, he recommended the discussion on this matter be tabled until next meeting.

The committee discussed the matter of prioritizing urgent transports in detail and considered various ways to come to address the issue in a manner that would provide the best service to the citizens of Santa Rosa County.

There were no public comments and questions.

Chief Minshull made a motion to schedule the next meeting for November 16<sup>th</sup> due to Chief Reble having a conflict on November 2, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bracewell passed out reports used for accountability for the committee to review for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.